

BOARD OF NURSING REGISTRATION AND NURSING EDUCATION OPEN SECESSION MINUTES

APRIL 8, 2013

The Open Sessions of the Rhode Island Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education was called to order at 8:45 am on the above date in the Conference Room 401 of the Department of Health, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meetings Law, so called, and other applicable sections of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island as amended.

Members Present:

Jessica Brier

Diane Blier

Michelle Cahill, Secretary

Carol Cairns

Linda Damon, Vice President

David Becker

Peggy Matteson, President

Marie Jean

Marie Pezzillo (Left at 11am)

Linda Twardowski

Kristen Young

Members Absent:

Manuala Raposa (Arrived at 11:40 am)

Anne Tierney

Staff Members Present:

Lori Keough, Director of Nursing RIDOH

Jennifer Sternick, Esq., RIDOH

1. ESTABLISHING A QUORUM:

President Matteson, called the meeting to order at 8:48 am. A Quorum was established.

2. PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF MARCH 11, 2013

Motion to accept the meeting minutes as written with the following changes: L. Damon made a motion to accept the minutes, Second by D. Becker.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

P. Matteson discussed the Rhode Island Action Coalition and the development of a nurse residency program. The communication of the announcement came from URI; however, President Matteson noted this is the result of a statewide, joint effort of health care providers, health care facilities, and nursing education programs, nursing regulation, professional organizations, State Government, several foundations, and organizations representative of the public. It is scheduled to begin September 2013. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation provided a large measure of funding, the Governor's Work Force program. The R.I. Foundation with additional support from all other represented entities

It was noted, Susan Hasmyler, from RWJ foundation will be in R.I. on September 11 and 12, 2013 meeting with many different

constituencies related to educating for the future. More information coming regarding coming regarding her visit will be forthcoming.

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Lincoln Technical Institute has a new Director, Ann Marie Simard. Further, there was a non-substantive change in their curriculum incorporating two 5-credit courses (Medical Surgical Nursing) into one 10-credit course. Additionally, the faculty member for whom they requested a waiver has completed her MS degree and meets the regular requirements for faculty. The Lincoln Institute thanks the Board for the waiver.

NCLEX quarter results were not available for the first quarter as of this morning. They will be brought to the May meeting. The NCLEX plan and pass level was effective April 1 and will be in effect for May graduates. Further, the NCLEX Annual conference is in Sept

5. BUSINESS

Bills for discussion included H 5763 which comes as a result of last summer's discussions regarding how the BON does their business with hearings specifically. The bill has subsequently been pulled secondary to language that needs to be revised. This will be worked on over the summer and resubmitted next year. S0197 is a bill from last year that needs to be withdrawn and will be removed tomorrow. S0614 is the correct senate version. H5656 is the house version. These are going to hearing this Tuesday (April 9) and Wednesday (April 10). D. Policastro mentioned that the Anesthetist physicians will come out in opposition of the bill and the Medical Society is likely to

be as well. D. Policastro asked the board to review H5658 assisted living residencies and cited concerns about replacement of skilled nursing in these facilities. She also cited H5139 as CLIA waived testing would now be allowed by pharmacist. RISNA will oppose both of these bills.

NCSBN midyear meeting was held in March and D, Becker and J. Brier attended. Among the highlights were that of by-law changes that will be voted on in August at the annual meeting held in Providence. Changes will include no longer charging jurisdictions membership fees as there is no financial need for NCSBN to collect additional funds. Further, they updated the group on a lack of grandfathering provisions associated with the APRN consensus model. L. Keough noted that the regulations will need to be revised and grandfathering provisions included. Additional information included leadership and team building, networking opportunities and a brief discussion regarding the annual meeting to be held in Providence.

The BON will visit Dr. Skip Sviolka (Board approved provider for substance abuse treatment) today.

D. Costantino and M. Fine were not in attendance; L. Keough reported that there would be an interim Director until a new one could be hired.

She also stated she was willing to stay and orient the interim to facilitate the process as to ensure continued flow of cases through the Board. She has agreed to assist the new interim as she would like a smooth transition and the work of the Board to continue to move forward in a positive manner as it has been. She cited some

accomplishments such as a streamlined licensing process, organization of adjudication files and process, development of the continuing education module, increased collaboration with all RI nurse education leadership, development of policies, procedures and protocols in writing, beginning developments of outcomes measures and contributions to the Department's goals in different areas. However, challenges and continued goals are ahead for the new director and she would like to assist with the learning associated with the fundamental parts of the role as she spent a considerable amount of time and resources on learning these processes.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Student Nurses Association of Rhode Island (SNARI) representatives M. Riley and A. Pimental were present to discuss election results and other SNARI activities. M Riley is the new vice-president and A. Pimental is secretary. Recent activities include the annual meeting and a canned food drive which raised seven large bins of food for donation. Further the representatives ask that a student be appointed to the Board although they recognized this would require a change in legislation. D. Policastro stated that SISNA would sponsor this bill.

P. Nadle announced a 3+1 articulation program for St. Joe's and Salve Regina. She acknowledged the contributions of Board president P. Matteson and D. Becker to the development of the program.

Adelle Palazzo was welcomed to the Board by all members. Ms. Palazzo fills the PCNS role on the Board.

D. Policastro announced K. Duquette has stepped down as the

RISNA Board President and taking her place will be Chris Gadbois who is currently 2nd Vice President. She also introduced Valeria Martin, who serves as the RISNA secretary.

7. HEARINGS: N/A

8. ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to 42-46-4 and 42-46-5 of the Rhode Island General laws for discussion of job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure and licensees and for discussion of investigatory proceedings relating to misconduct by applicants licensure and licensees, and investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. Said individuals have been notified in writing that they may request that the discussion be held at an open meeting.

9. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION FOR PRESENTATION OF FINAL ACTIONS VOTE TO SEAL MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 42-46-4, 42-46-5 AND 42-46-7 OF THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS.

10. RATIFICATION OF ORDERS: C13-029

11. ADJOURNMENT 12:05 PM